

Nevada Land Withdrawals from Mineral Entry A Historical Perspective

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“Unbelievable as it may seem, an area larger than that encompassing 25 of the 27 states east of the Mississippi River is no longer accessible even for mineral exploration, not to mention development for mining”

**J. Allen Overton. Jr.
President
American Mining Congress**

1975

PUBLIC LANDS EXCLUDED FROM MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE MINING LAW

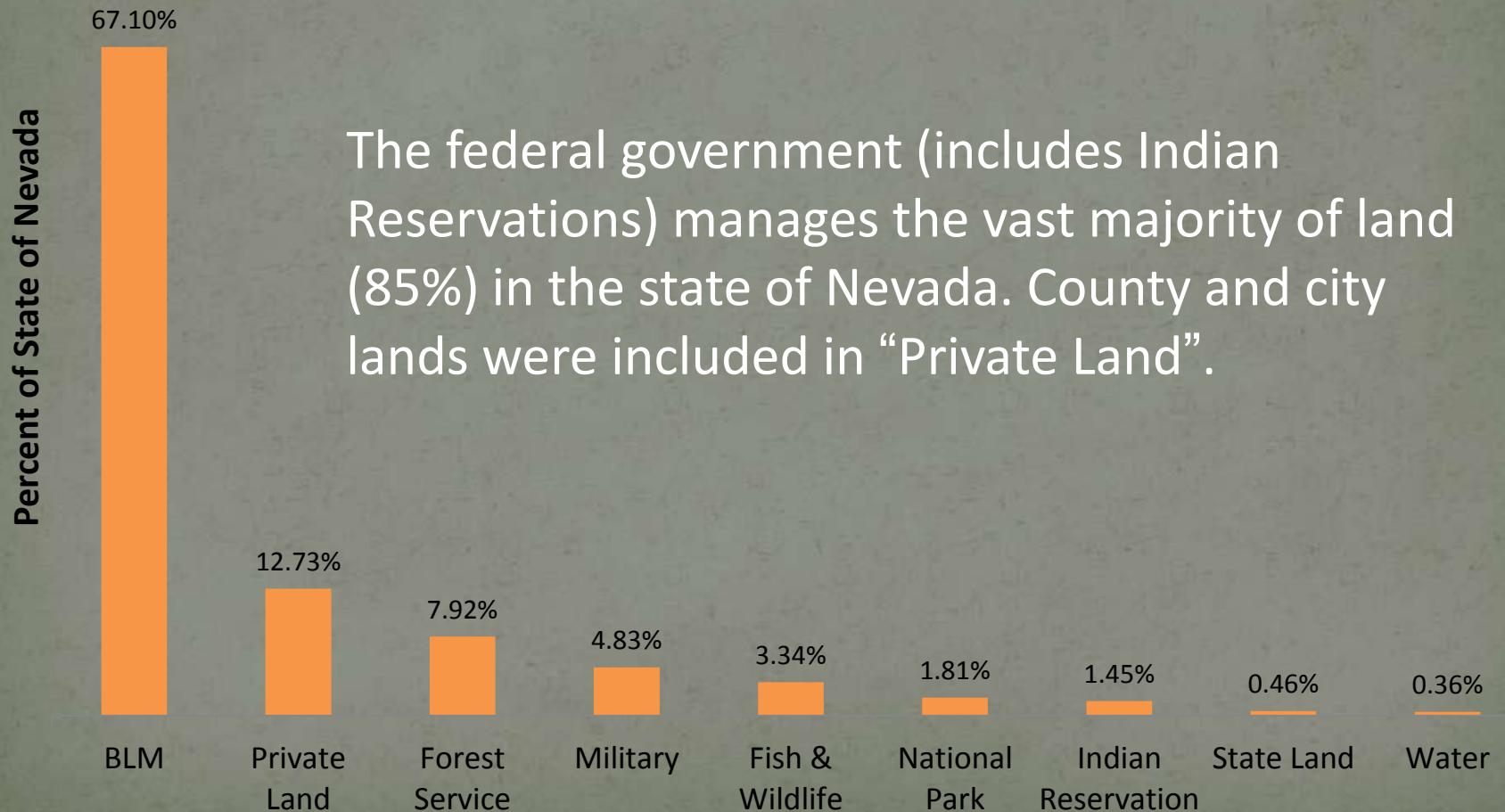


NEVADA

Statistics

- Became Territory of the United States in 1848 as part of the Treaty with Mexico following the Mexican-American War
- Part of Utah Territory originally then became Nevada Territory in 1860
- Established as the 36th state of the Union October 31, 1864 – Population @ 50,000
- Total Area: 70,264,000 acres, 7th largest state

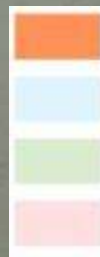
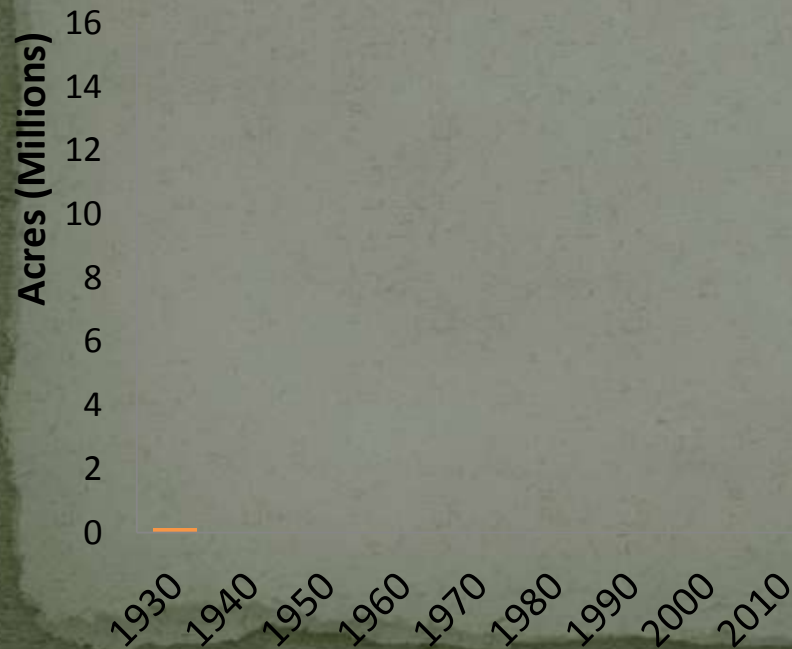
Who Manages/Owns Nevada Lands?



Land Withdrawal By Decade



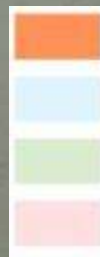
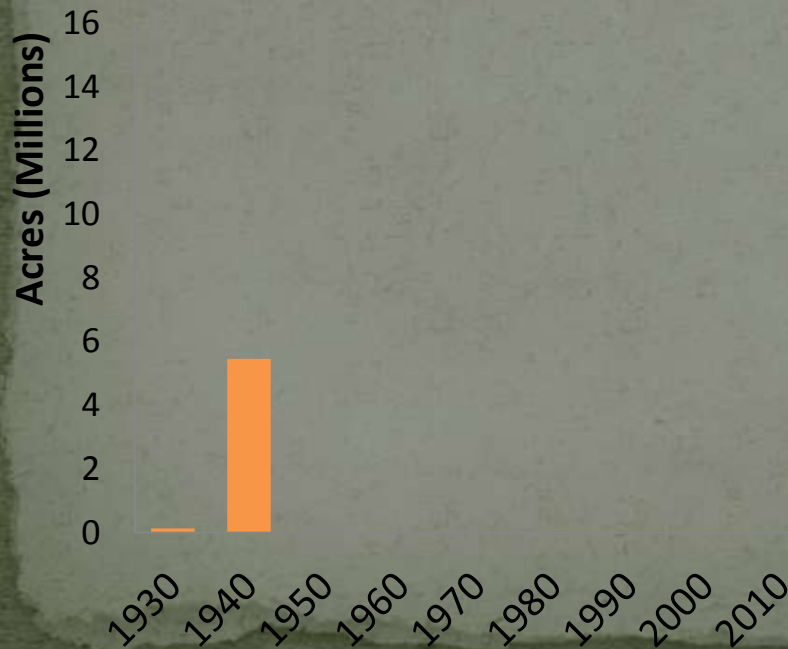
Nevada Land Withdrawals up to 1930



- Withdrawn Land
- Water
- National Forest
- Indian Reservation



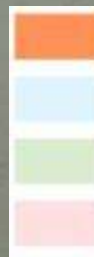
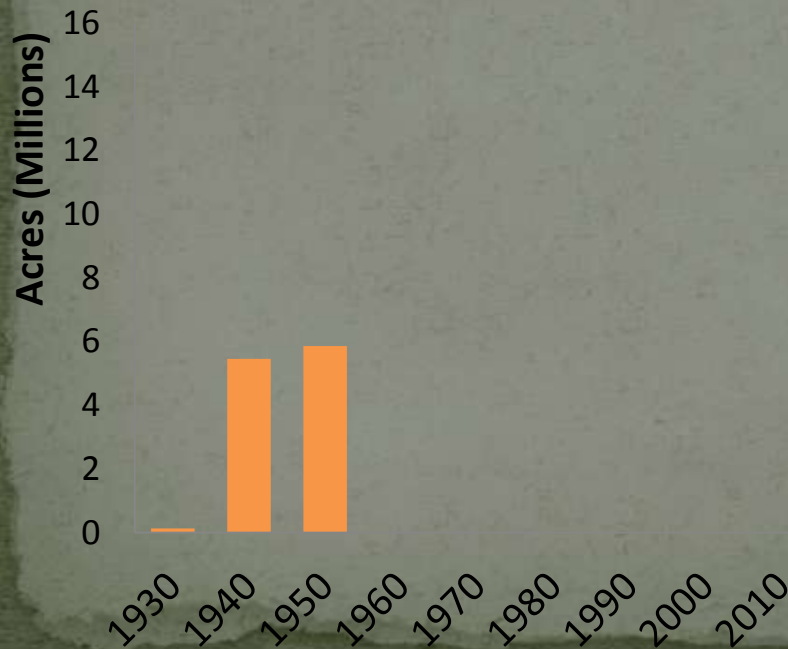
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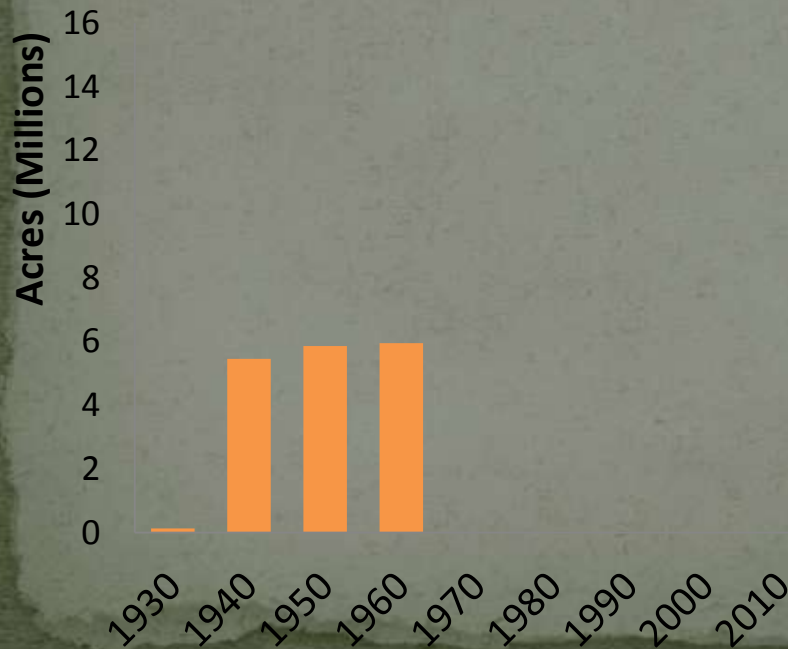
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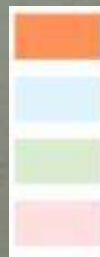
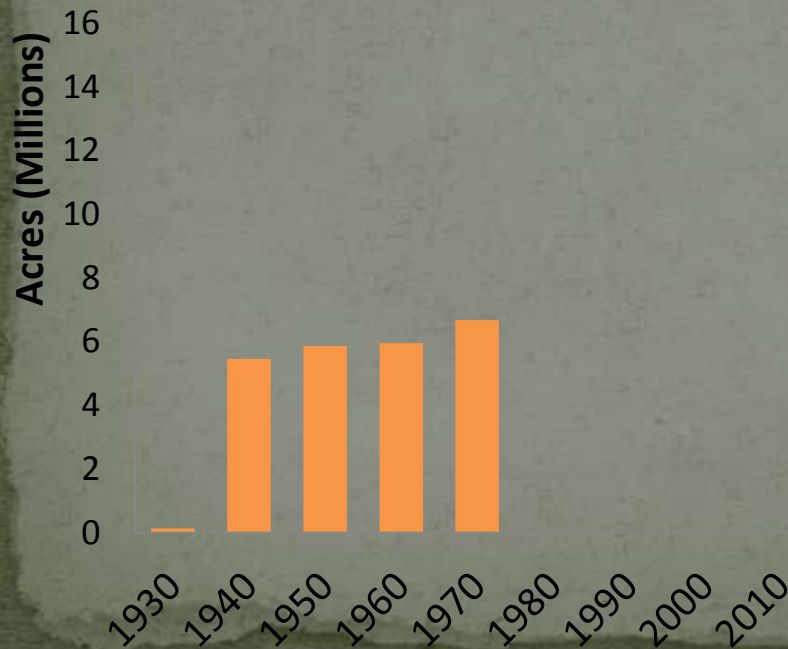
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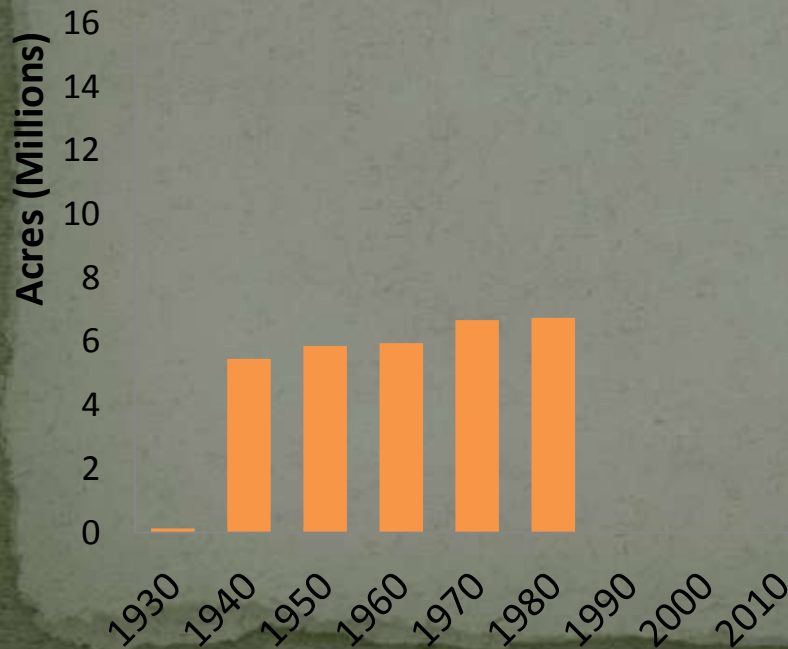
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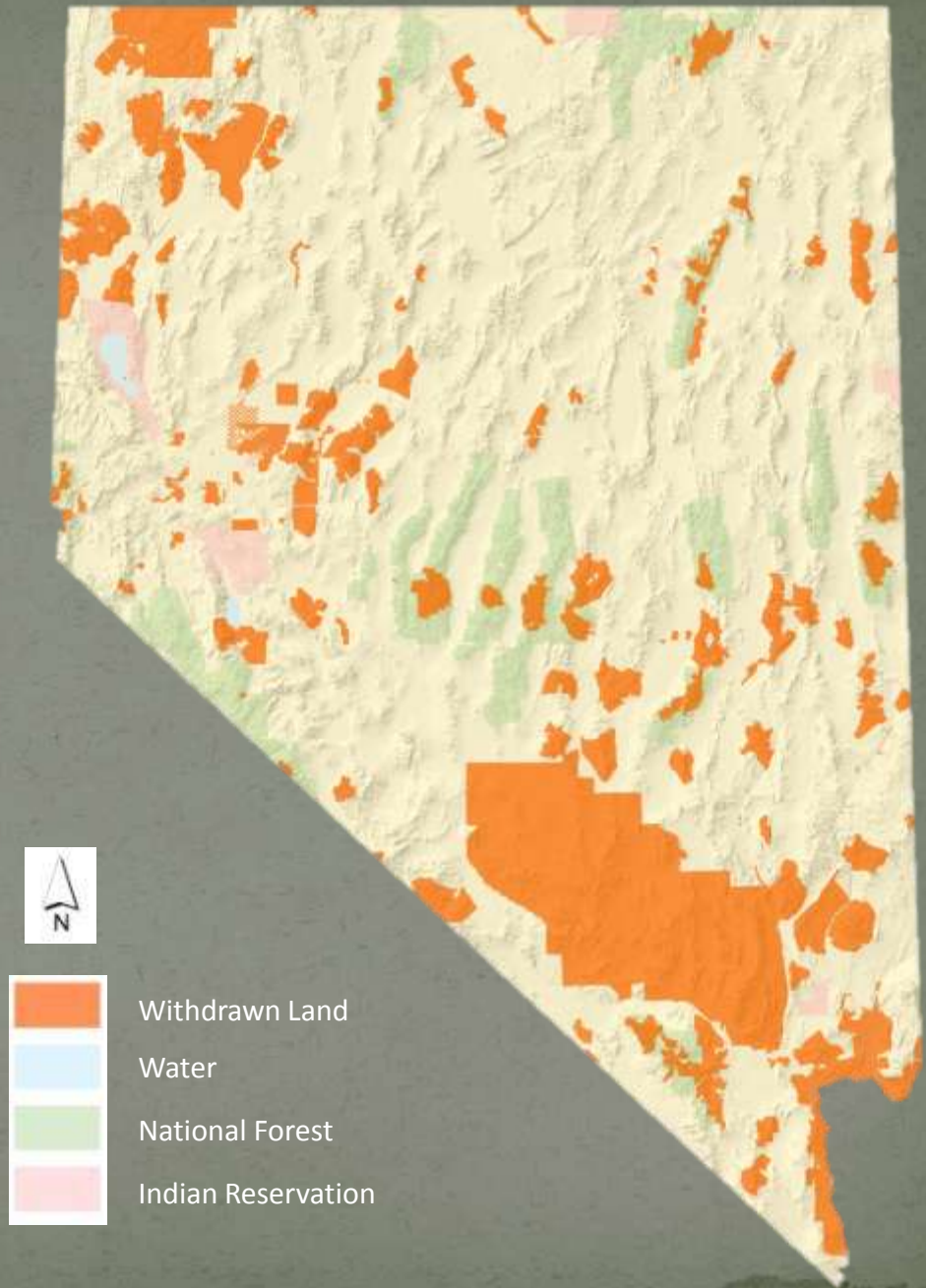
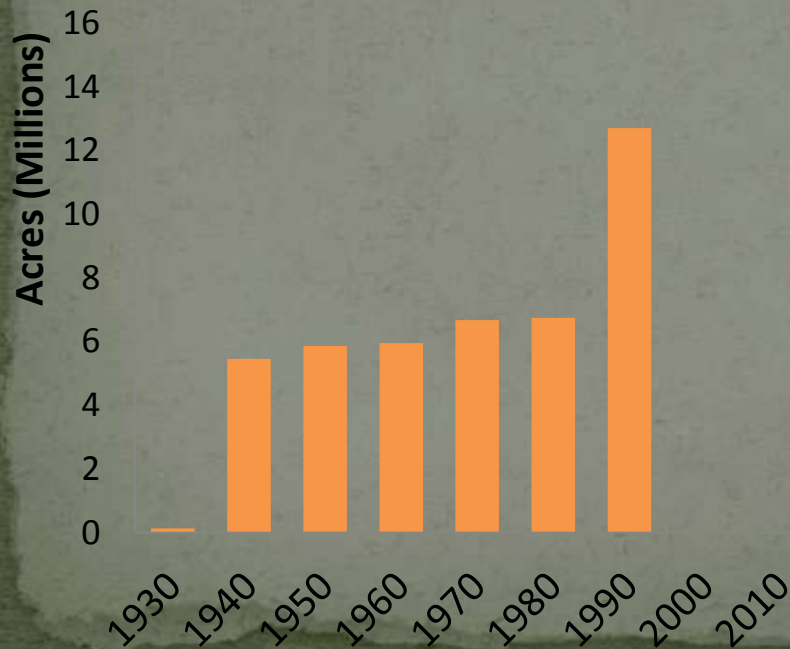
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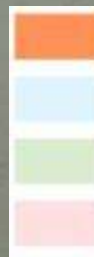
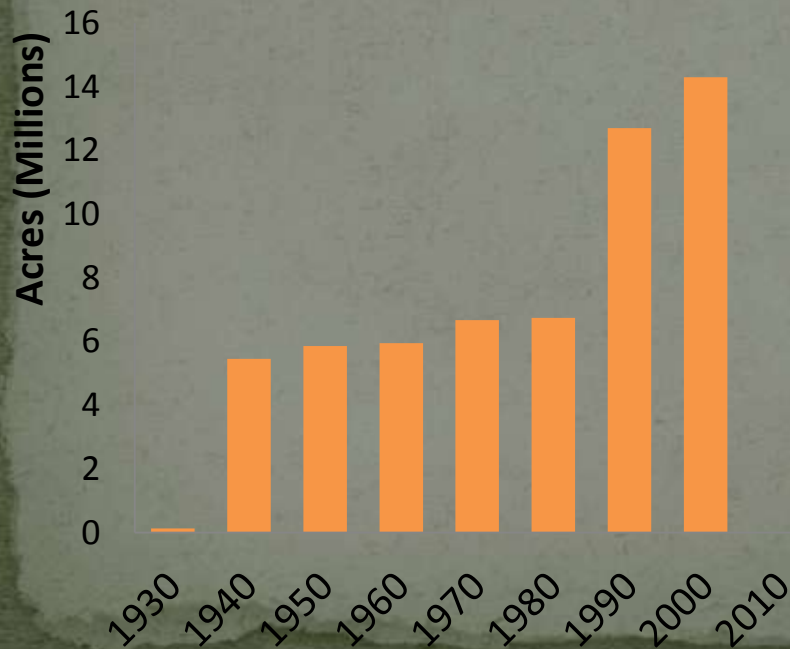
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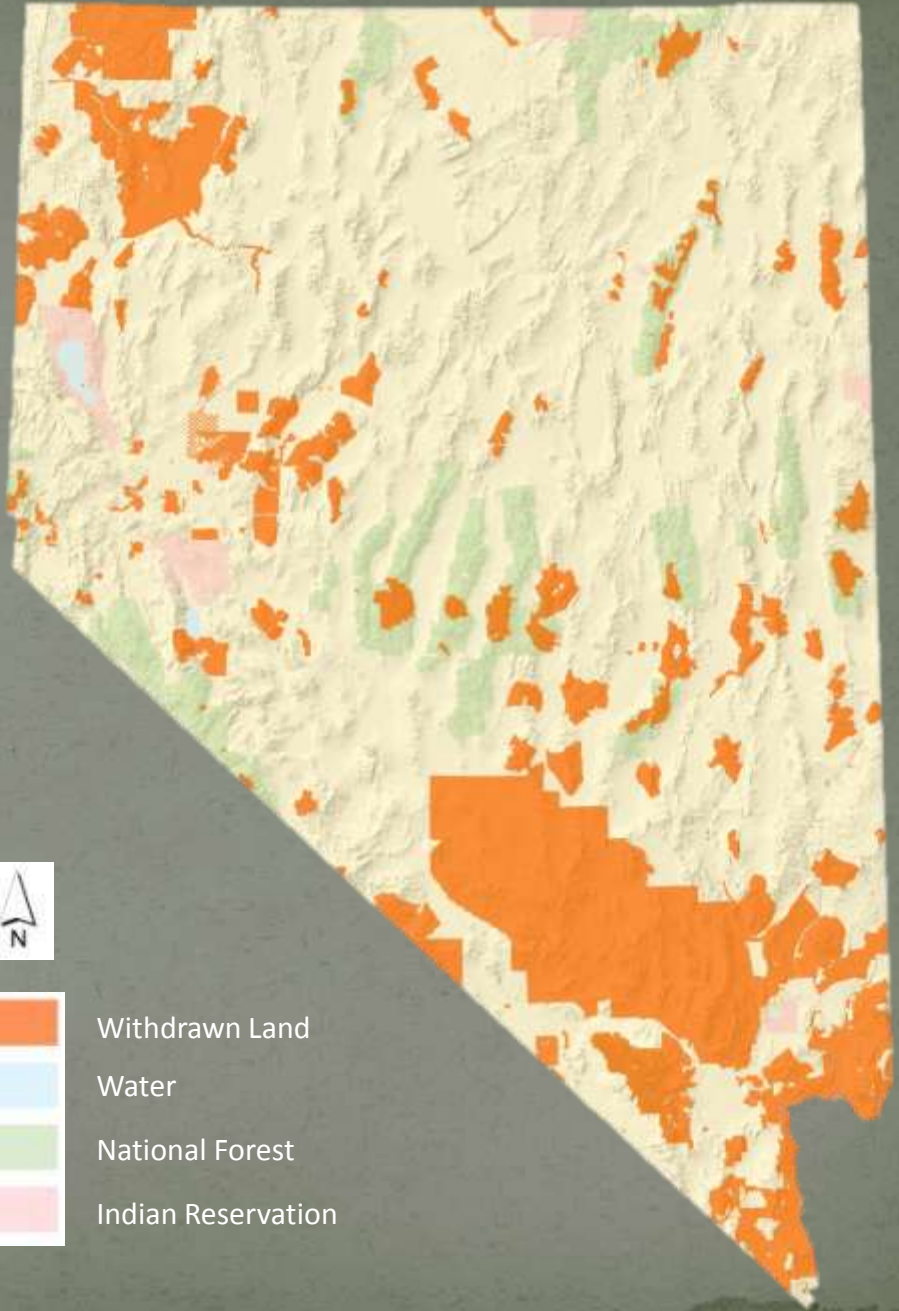
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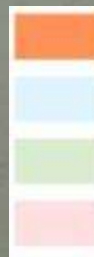
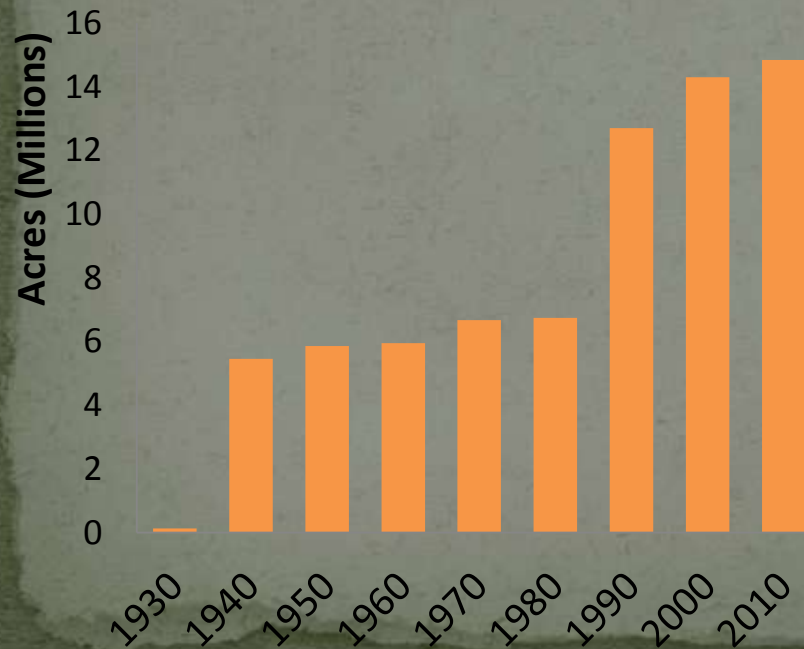
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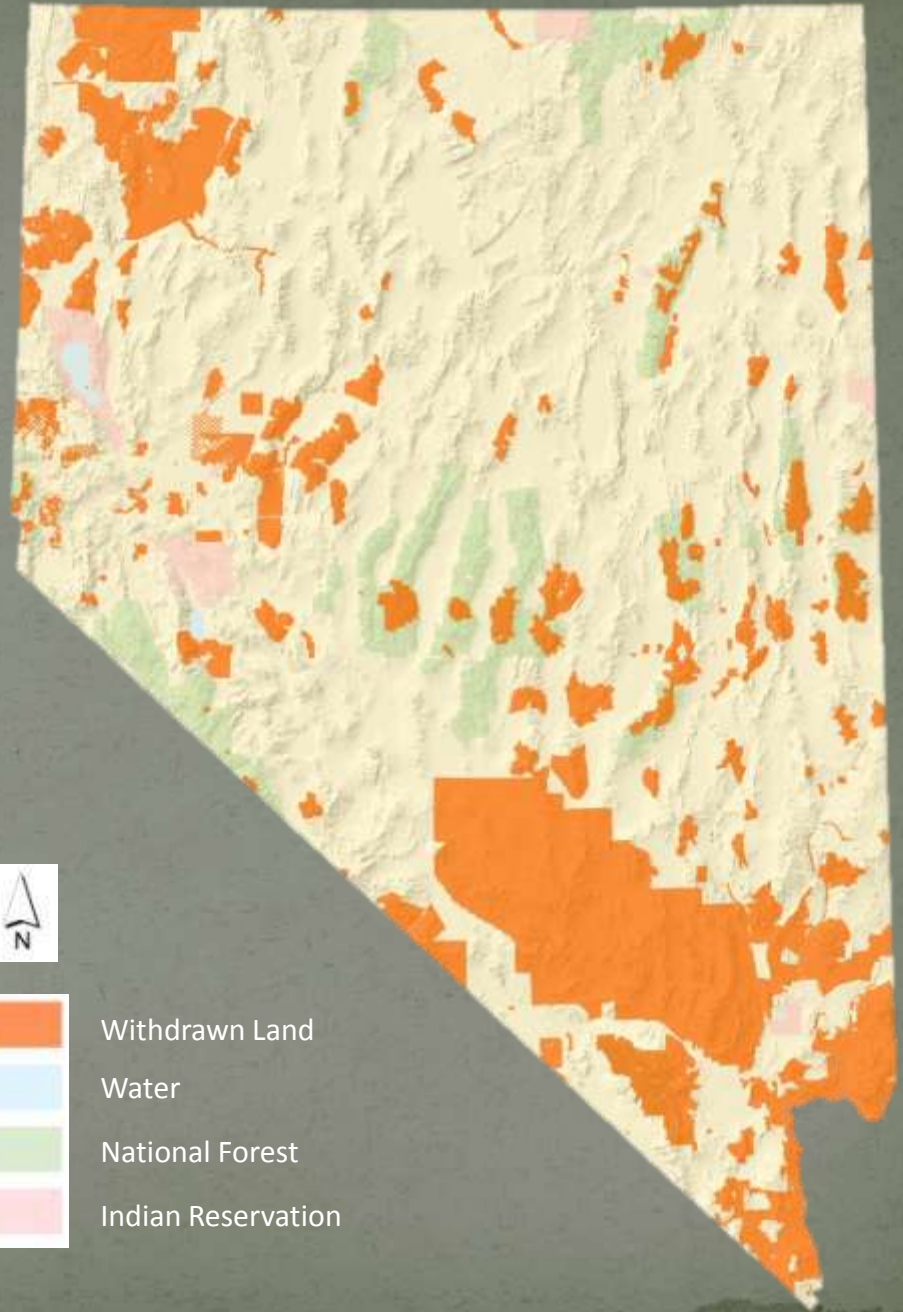
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Nevada Land Withdrawals up to 2010



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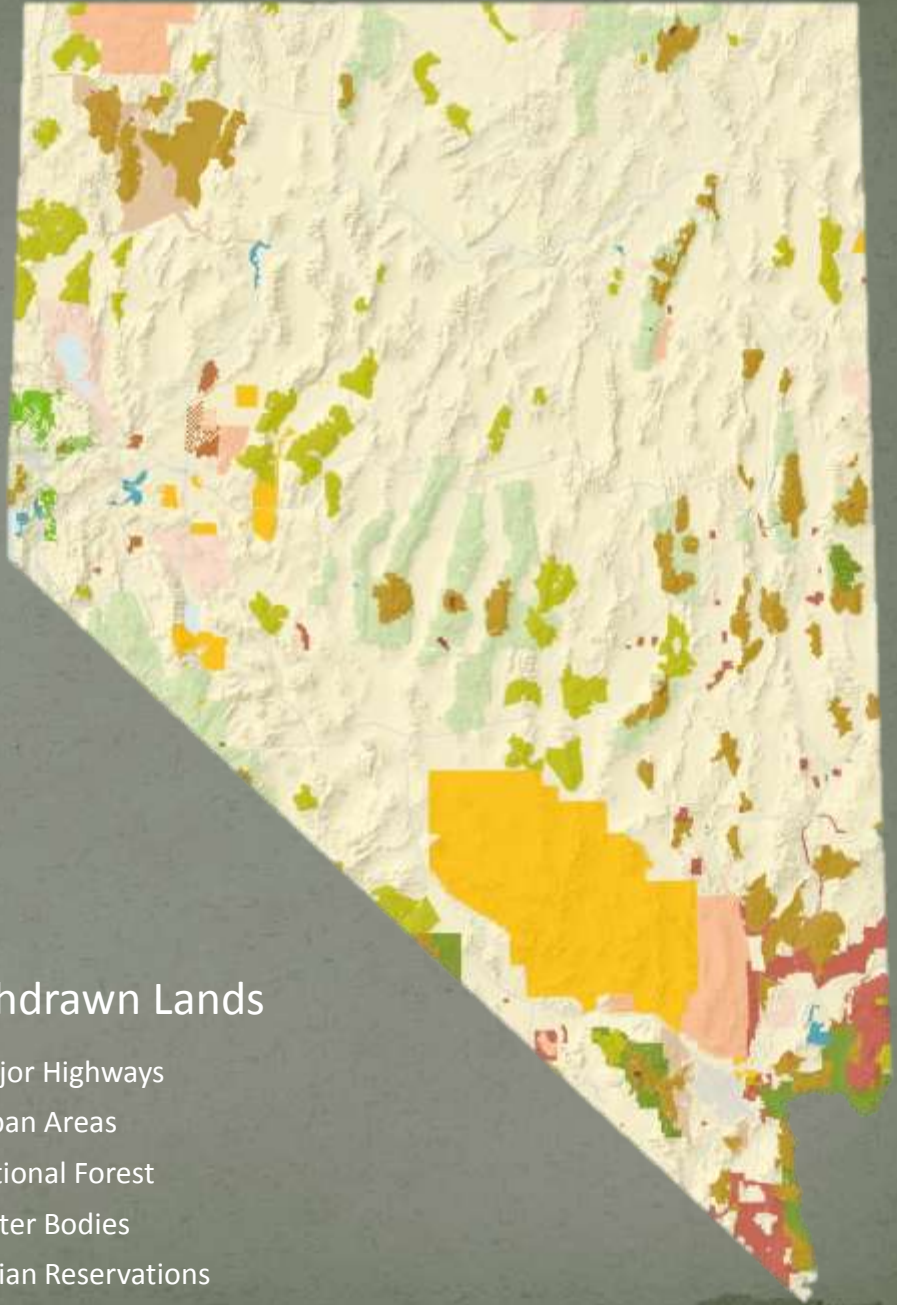
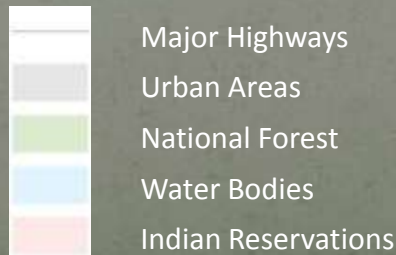


Current Land Withdrawal Status (2012)

Withdrawn Lands



Non-Withdrawn Lands



Land Area Totals

As a percentage of the entire state:

Year	Acres	Percent of Nevada
1930	132,247	0.19%
1940	5,460,598	7.72%
1950	5,861,114	8.28%
1960	5,951,860	8.41%
1970	6,672,218	9.43%
1980	6,740,812	9.53%
1990	12,701,336	17.95%
2000	14,299,822	20.21%
2010	14,848,842	20.99%

← Wilderness

Land Area Totals (continued)

Land Use	Acres	% of Total Withdrawn	% of Nevada
Military ₁	4,261,353	28.70%	6.02%
Wilderness ₂	3,356,235	22.60%	4.74%
Instant & Wilderness Study Area ₃	2,737,106	18.43%	3.87%
National Wildlife Range & Refuge ₄	1,519,326	10.23%	2.15%
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern ₅	1,124,522	7.57%	1.59%
National Park & Recreation Area ₆	710,446	4.78%	1.00%
National Conservation Area ₇	606,117	4.08%	0.86%
Urban Interface ₈	202,938	1.37%	0.29%
Wildlife Management Area ₉	191,645	1.29%	0.27%
State Park ₁₀	131,330	0.88%	0.19%
Research Natural Area ₁₁	7,784	0.05%	0.01%
Totals	14,848,802	100.00%	20.99%

1 The Military total includes portions of the National Wildlife Range & Refuge.

2 The Wilderness total includes portions of the National Conservation Area, Research Natural Area, National Park and Recreation, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Wildlife Management Area.

3 The Instant & Wilderness Study Area includes portions of the National Park and Recreation Area and the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

4 The National Wildlife Range and Refuge total is only that area not included in the Military Area.

5 The Areas of Critical Environmental Concern total is only that area not included in the Wilderness Area, the Instant and Wilderness Study Area, the Urban Interface Area, and the National Conservation Area.

6 The National Park and Recreation Area total is only that area not included in the Wilderness Area and the Instant and Wilderness Study Area.

7 The National Conservation Area total includes portions of the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and State Park Area.

8 The Urban Interface Area total includes portions of the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

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10 The State Park Area total is only that area not included in the National Conservation Area.

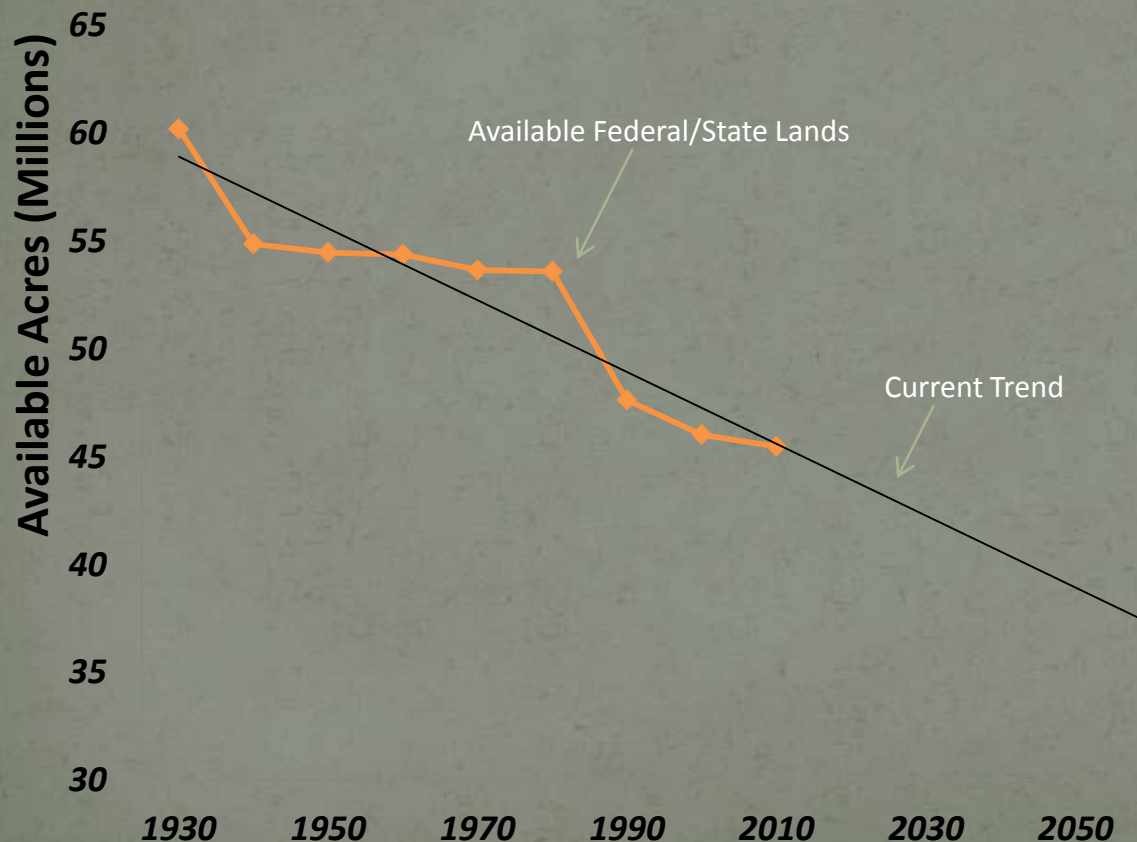
11 The Research Natural Area total is only that area not included in the Wilderness Area.

Land Area Totals

Land Use	Acres	% of Total Withdrawn	% of Nevada
Wilderness	2,599,421	17.51%	3.67%
Wilderness/National Conservation Area	437,051	2.94%	0.62%
Wilderness/National Park & Recreation Area	297,047	2.00%	0.42%
Wilderness/Research Natural Area	14,949	0.10%	0.02%
Wilderness/Research Natural Area/National Park & Recreation Area	3,987	0.03%	0.01%
Wilderness/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	3,375	0.02%	0.00%
Wilderness/National Conservation Area/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	405	0.00%	0.00%
Instant & Wilderness Study Areas	2,674,715	18.01%	3.78%
Instant & Wilderness Study Area/National Park & Recreation Area	57,952	0.39%	0.08%
Instant & Wilderness Study Area/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	4,439	0.03%	0.01%
Urban Interface	198,483	1.34%	0.28%
Urban Interface/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	4,455	0.03%	0.01%
Research Natural Area	7,784	0.05%	0.01%
National Conservation Area	597,564	4.02%	0.84%
National Conservation Area/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	8,017	0.05%	0.01%
National Conservation Area/State Park	536	0.00%	0.00%
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	1,124,522	7.57%	1.59%
Military Area	3,418,626	23.02%	4.83%
Military Area/National Wildlife Range & Refuge	842,727	5.68%	1.19%
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Current Trend

(Summary Result)





The chart to the left depicts the decrease in available federal/state lands by decade. Since 1930, approximately 1,650,000 acres of land are withdrawn every 10 years from mining use. By 2060, at the current trend, almost half of the state will be withdrawn from mining use leaving less than 40 million acres available.


Potential Mineral Withdrawals

- Sage Grouse Habitat
 - 15,000,000 acres?
- Yerington Wilderness Area –
 - 80,000 acres?
- Southern Nevada Renewable Energy Withdrawal
- Pine Forest Wilderness
- USFS Roadless Areas
- BLM ATV Proposed Withdrawals

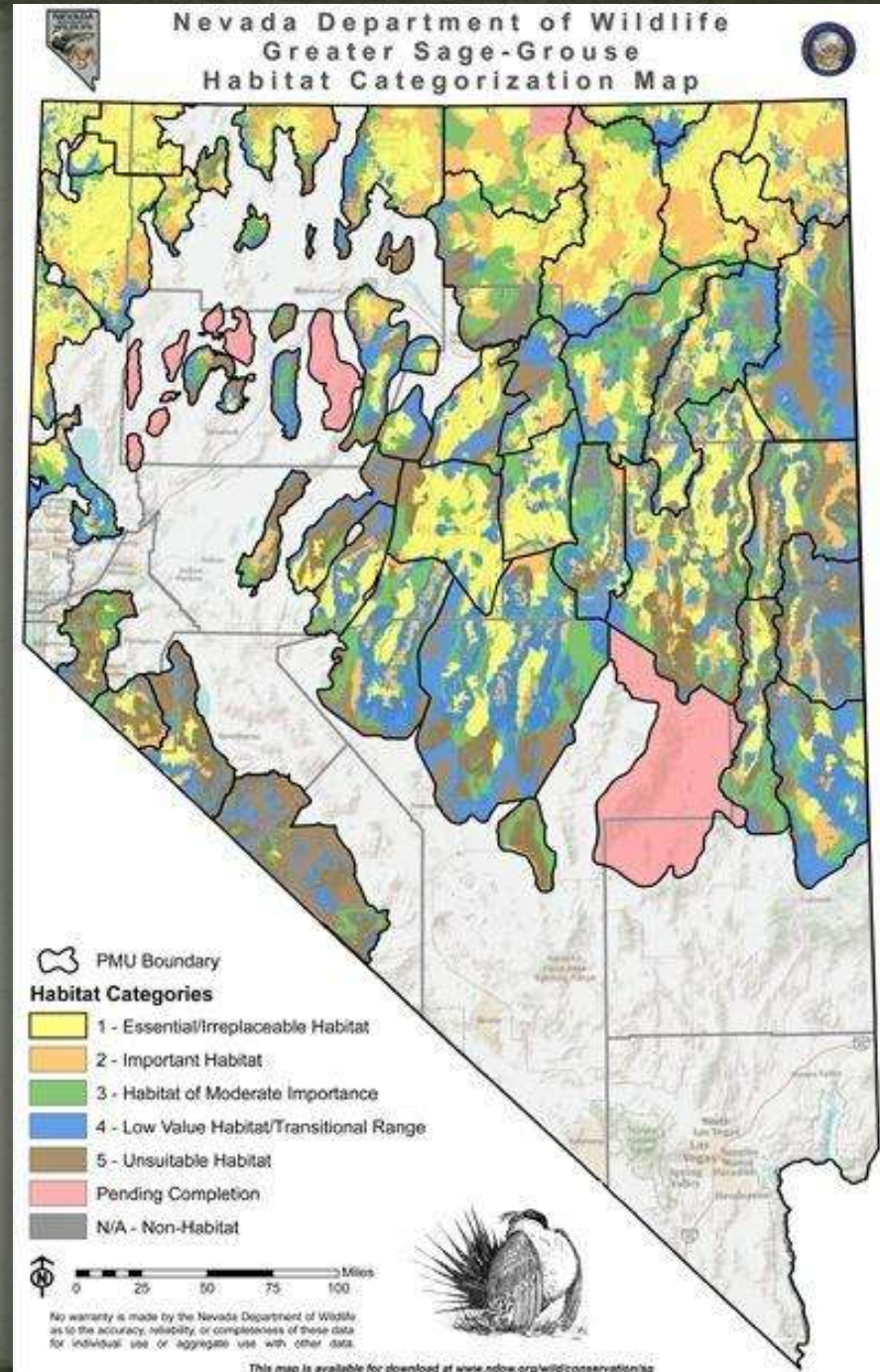
Greater Sage Grouse Habitat

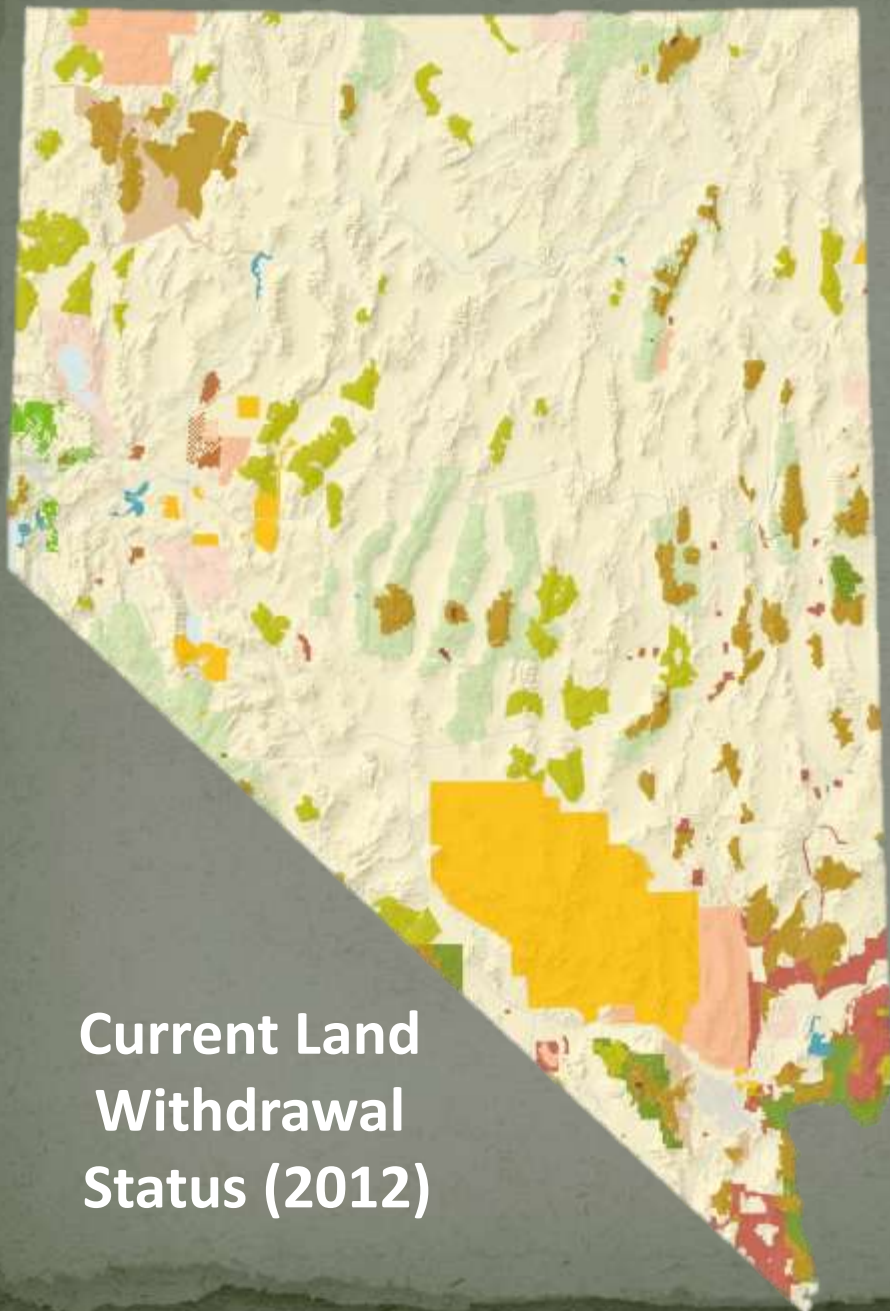
Category 1: 
Essential/Irreplaceable – 8,639,212 acres

Category 2: 
Important – 4,444,148 acres

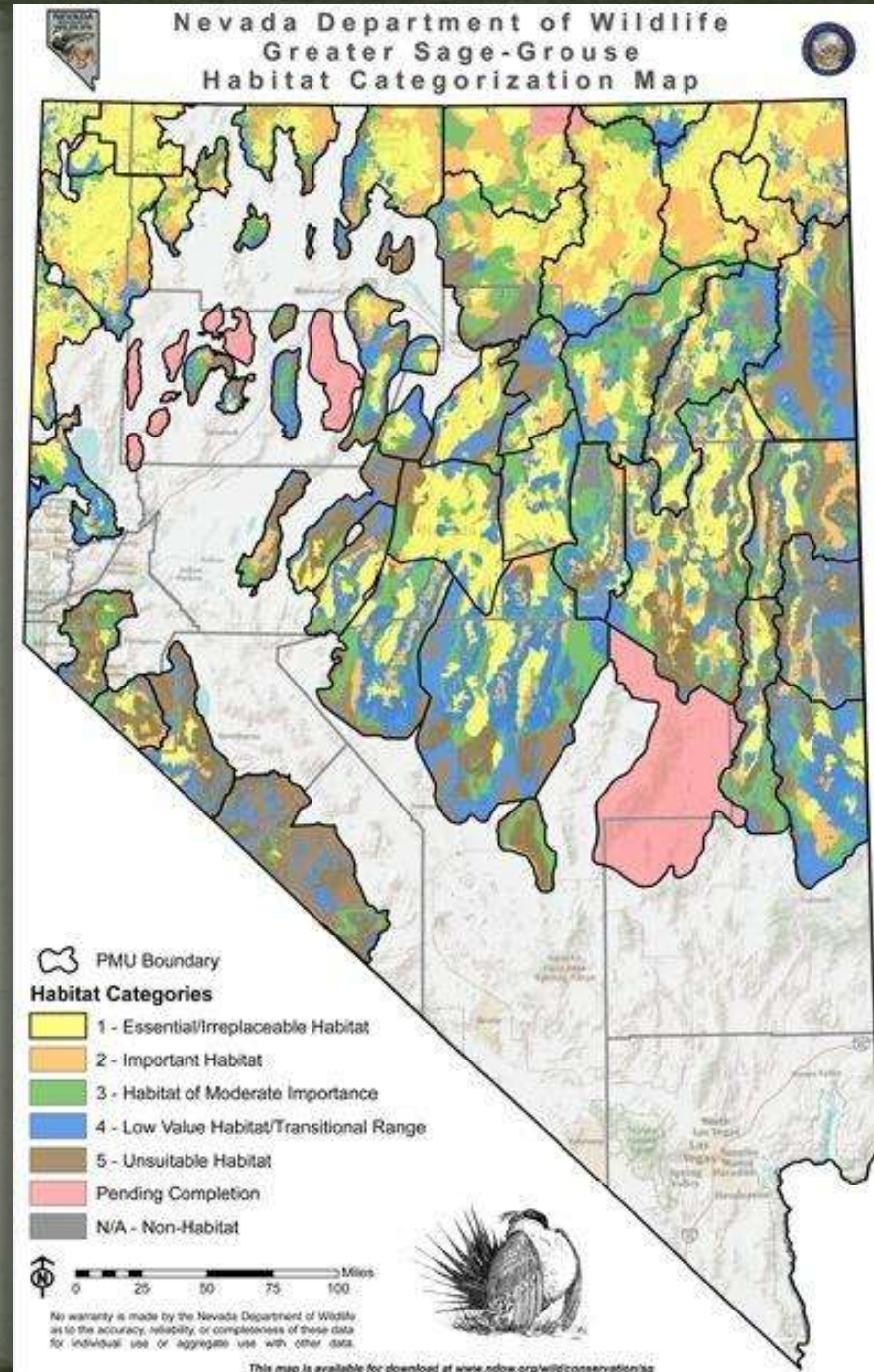
Category 3: 
Moderate Importance – 2,690,439 acres

Total – 15,773,799 acres





Current Land
Withdrawal
Status (2012)

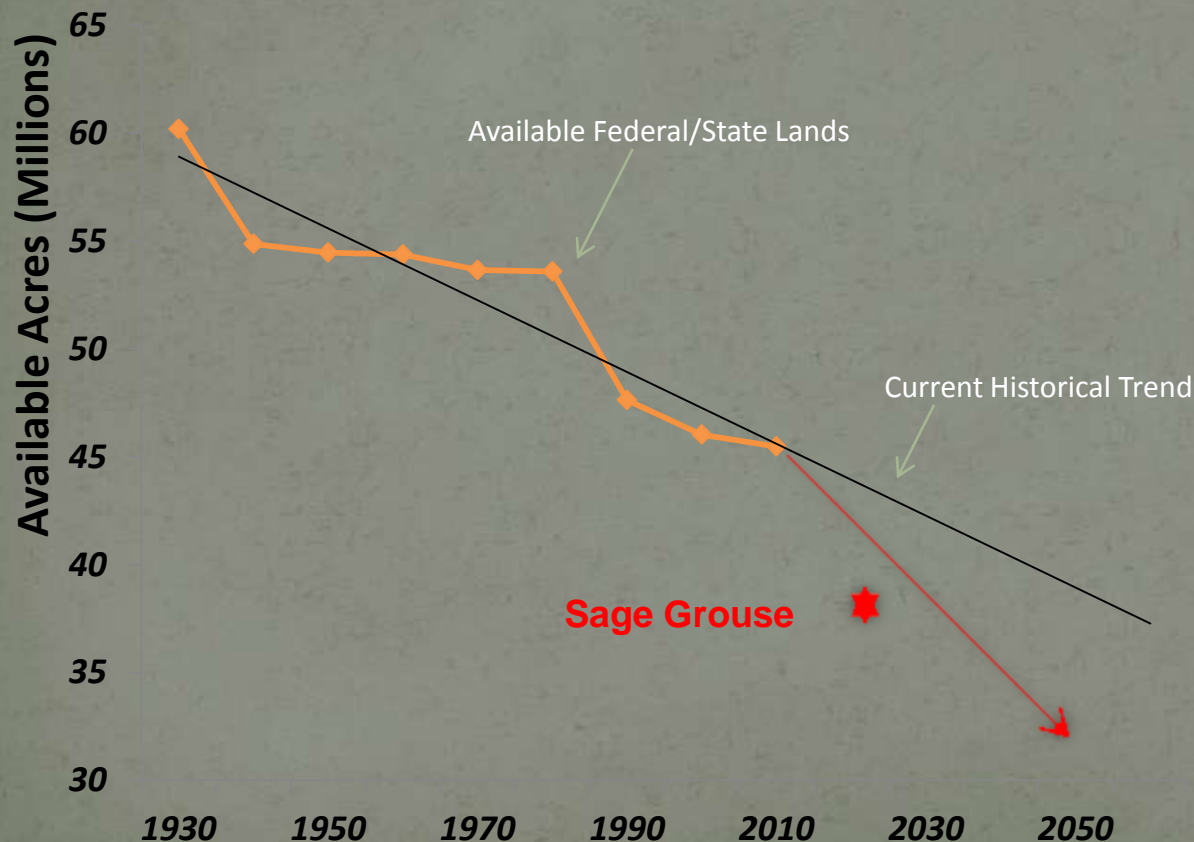


Land Withdrawal, the Future

- Spatial distribution of recent (last 30 years) land withdrawals appears to select for montane environments
 - Visual interpretation
 - Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas
- Solar power generation in the Southern portion of the state is or is becoming the great new land withdrawal
- With the environmental legislation as of late and trends in climate new reserves (S. California) may be sought
- Carbon credit legislation may cause a push for preservation of vegetation on public land

Current Historical Trend

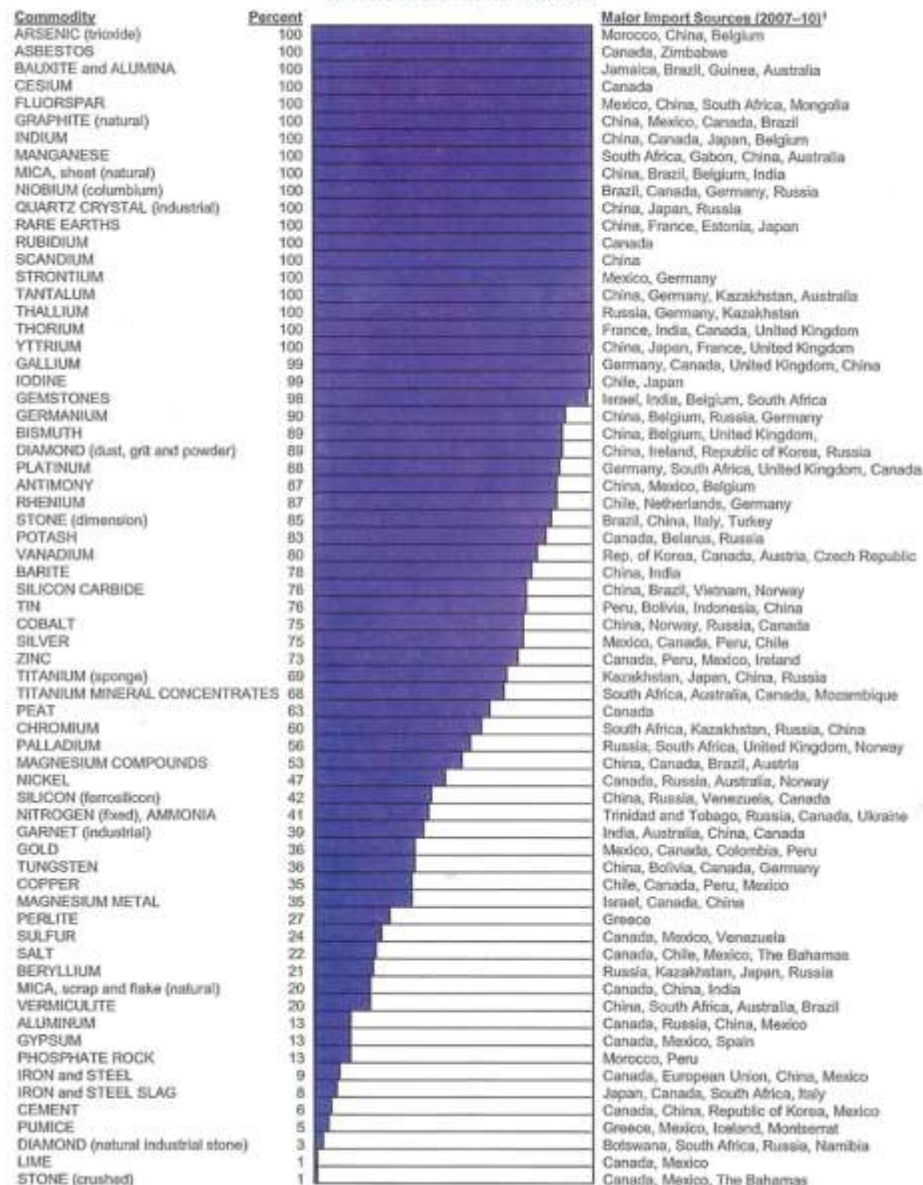
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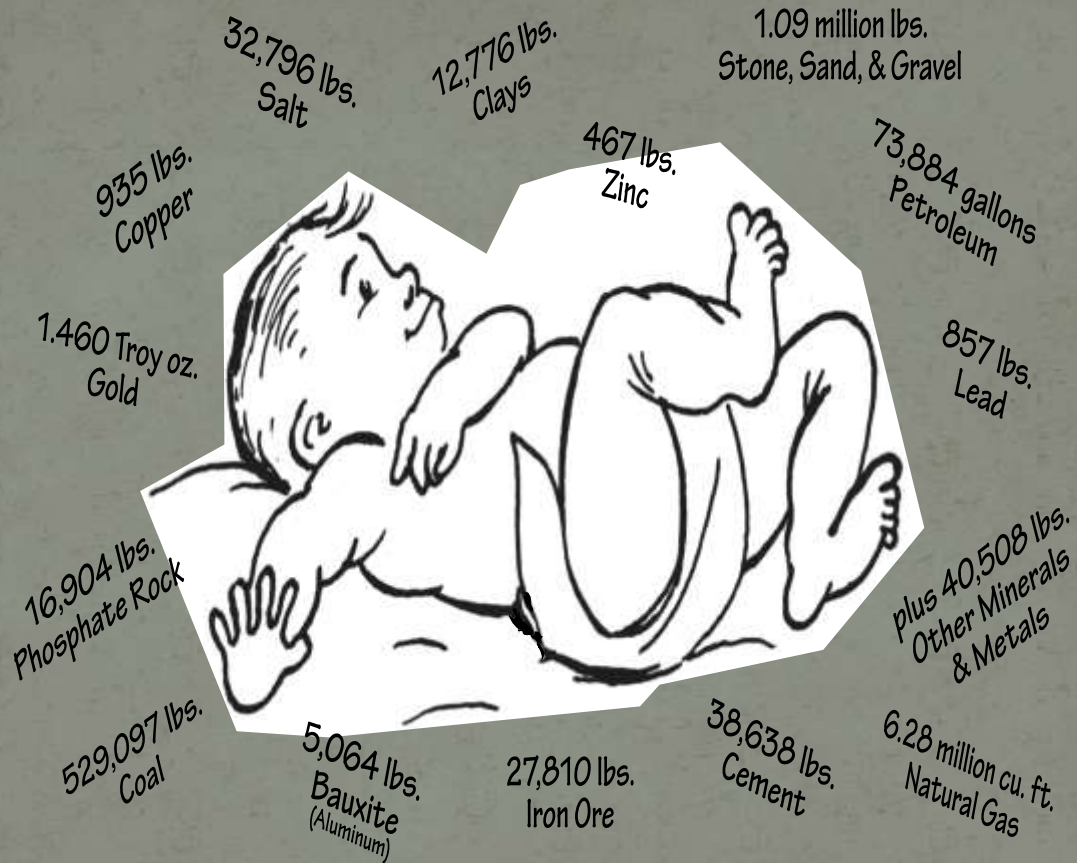


2011 U.S. NET IMPORT RELIANCE FOR SELECTED NONFUEL MINERAL MATERIALS



¹ The American Bureau of Mineral Industry

Every American Born Will Need...



2.96 million pounds of minerals, metals, and fuels in their lifetime

The End

Withdrawn Lands



Non-Withdrawn Lands

